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For: **Apparatus and Method for
Protecting and Wiping a Surface**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

§§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO-

449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the

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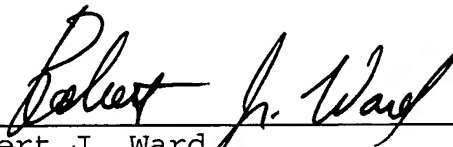
for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that this art is material to patentability of the present application or that a search has been made.

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The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449, as indicated. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner then return to the undersigned a copy of the initialed and completed Form PTO-1449 that indicates the enclosed references have been considered in their entirety.

No fees are believed to be required in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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